

**PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF  
THE MORGAN CITY HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT  
September 9, 2024**

The Board of Commissioners ("Board") of the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District ("District") met in regular session at the District's office at 7327 Highway 182, Morgan City, Louisiana on August 8, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. Peter Orlando, President, convened the meeting with Commissioners Deborah Garber, Joseph Cain, Steven Cornes, Matthew Tycer and Adam Mayon in attendance. Ben Adams, Matthew Glover and Troy Lombardo were absent. Also present in the meeting were Raymond Wade, Executive Director; Tori Henry, Office Manager; Michael Knobloch, Special Projects Manager; Gerard Bourgeois, Board Attorney; Commander Mary Gilday and LCDR Stephanie Alvarez, United States Coast Guard ("USCG"); Robert Karam, T. Baker Smith; Kevan Keiser, GIS Engineering; Councilman Louis Tamporello, City of Morgan City; Councilmen Les Rulf, St. Mary Parish Council; and members of the general public.

The meeting was called to order and the presence of a quorum was noted. Raymond Wade led the invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

It was moved by Mr. Mayon and seconded by Mr. Cornes that the minutes of the regular meeting of August 12, 2024 be approved and adopted, with said motion carrying unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Mayon that the report of receipts and disbursements for the month of August, 2024 be received and accepted and that all invoices presented to the Board for the month of August, 2024 be paid. Mr. Tycer seconded that motion, which carried unanimously.

Tim Connell reported that: (i) the cutterhead dredge bid opening was held today with one bid received and is currently being evaluated; (ii) the bid opening for the Bayou Chene project has been moved to Friday; (iii) since we received no funding for dredging in the Berwick Harbor or Stouts Pass, something will need to be provided in FY25 workplan or by other means; and (iv) Dredge *Arulaq* will be coming out of shipyard soon and surveys will be ran to see what our conditions are.

LCDR Alvarez reported: (i) 2,290 total transits in August through the VTS zone; and (ii) the new VTS Director will be Timothy Veach, who was previously stationed here prior to retirement.

Charles Brittingham reported that he continues to believe Congress is preparing for a CR extension, pushing out to the end of December.

Michael Knobloch reported that: (i) we received approval from Facilities, Planning and Control to move forward with the warehouse fire suppression system project and have notified Mr. Blum to proceed; (ii) he hopes to have the port security camera project completed by the end of the year; and (iii) we were notified that we were awarded \$60,000 in the FY24 Port Security Grant funding, but the project has not been determined until we officially receive the award notice.

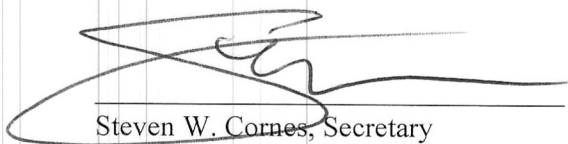
Robert Karam reported that: (i) West dock design continues, with discussions on revising the Geotech report with deep soil mixing to be included in cost estimates. Once that is finalized, it will be sent to the Corps for permit processing.

Kevan Keiser reported that: (i) the Mr. Brett Drydock bid opening has been re-scheduled for September 18<sup>th</sup> due to the possible hurricane. He noted only one contractor had submitted questions but there were lots of interest online; and (ii) They received approval from Tim Connell on Friday to hydraulically dredge and dispose of material into Disposal Area 1, but are still awaiting the permit. Once plans are completed, they will send them to Jim Lee, Facilities Planning and Control for review.

Gerard Bourgeois presented: (i) Request for Proposals (RFP) for security cameras, special systems and equipment procurement, installation, integration and testing. Mr. Cornes moved to authorize advertisement of RFP, which was seconded by Mr. Tycer and carried unanimously.

With there being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Mr. Tycer and seconded by Mr. Cornes that the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

  
Steven W. Cornes, Secretary